



From Where I Sit . . .

“The Local Church and I”

We are all blessed to be a part of God’s family, universally and locally. Local congregations working and worshipping together are a glory to God when they conduct themselves in harmony with God’s descriptions of the work and the teachings from the Bible. I like to see a person proud of their local congregation, and certainly we each should strive to live so that the local church is proud that we are members that help make it up. Whatever we do, we should always consider whether it brings glory to God or shame to His Holy name (see **Ephesians 3:20-21**).

The local church provides you and me with all the blessings associated with the membership in the Lord’s church: The bond of fellowship; the strength of edification; the joy of worship; the balm of comfort; and the lift of encouragement. Local churches are there for us and can weep with us when we weep; minister to us when we are sick; comfort us when we are broken hearted; encourage us when we need lifting up; and exhort us to righteous living even when we grow slack.

In turn, we owe something as individual members to the local church. We certainly owe our undivided interest in the welfare of members both individual and collectively. We owe a steadfast attachment to the work and worship of the church. We owe a sense of responsibility that doesn’t “pass the buck” but rather helps to bare the burden of the whole.

We owe the local church our desire and the wish of our every thought, the theme of our every prayer that we will be built up in the most holy faith and be found acceptable to God. How strong is your desire for the church at Broad Street to be a holy and spiritual temple for God’s dwelling?

We certainly owe the local church our cooperation in every facet of its work. The First Century church demonstrated a tremendous unity in sharing, caring (**Acts 4:32-35**) and their sense of being fellow-laborers. Bystanders and onlookers need to rethink and reexamine their relationship to the local church in light of the plan set forth in God’s Word.

We certainly owe the local church our encouragement through faithful attendance, consistent giving, and positive influence for that which is right. This is truly a remarkable congregation, and a great number of people take very seriously all these aspects of their membership at Broad Street Church of Christ – a local congregation of God’s family. May we all grow in the grace of God and the unity of the Spirit.

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Special Offering Last Sunday – \$15,000.

This amount was over and above our weekly giving. If you can give later to help retire the debt see the Elders. Thanks to All for your sacrificial spirit.